

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Tax Collecting

A NEW financial year for the Colony is fast approaching and with it, in the public's mind, goes the perennial question, does it mean more taxation?

Almost every year since the war the Financial Secretary has injected into his Budget speech a solemn warning that if public works, undertakings, education, social services and medical and health facilities are to be maintained at the level demanded by the community, the possibility of increased taxation cannot be ruled out. And doubtless the annual reminder will be delivered again next month.

But, in fact, the Colony's financial position remains outlandishly buoyant, despite these restrictions and unexpected demands on the Treasury caused by disastrous squatter fires and unbudgeted-for relief and welfare services. We see no obvious reason why there should be any new direct taxation burdens introduced in the forthcoming financial year.

THERE is, nevertheless, one aspect of direct taxation which might be worth contemplation both by taxpayers and Government. It concerns the system of payment.

The pay-as-you-earn method of tax collection has never been seriously considered in Hongkong, although it was advocated editorially when taxation on earnings was reintroduced shortly after the war. It is a system, with slight variations, which has been adopted in many countries, and has proved successful both as a form of convenience for taxpayers and as an easy way of collecting revenue.

It is probable the principal objection in Hongkong to pay-as-you-earn would be that it involves a compulsory system of weekly or monthly deductions from pay envelopes, and that those liable for salaries tax would have to wait a full year for remissions on personal and family allowances, insurance premiums, etc. This, in a great number of cases, could involve month to month financial hardship. The popularity of a PAYE system on standard lines, therefore, would be questionable.

AN alternative suggests itself. The offer by Government for taxpayers to purchase, voluntarily, coupons during any part of the financial year which would be registered as contributions towards a currently assessed salaries tax.

Encouragement for taxpayers to embrace this offer could be given by making the coupons reasonable in denomination, such as five or ten dollars, and even greater encouragement would be derived if the coupons were interest-bearing.

Government would have a continuous and ready source of revenue, and the interest thereby saved from avoiding extending credit to taxpayers, could, at least in some measure, be returned to a public willing to take advantage of the scheme.

Many whose earnings fall within the middle and moderately high brackets take advantage of the present "easy payments" concession which extends over three months, but even this can become a serious burden every year if no special provision has been made in the personal budget.

An interest-bearing voucher system would almost certainly win a wide public response, and it would appear at first sight to be quite as practicable as it is attractive.

NO COMMITMENTS BY EDEN Formosa Talks With Dulles At Bangkok

London, Feb. 21.

Sir Anthony Eden is carrying to Bangkok, Cabinet instructions ruling out any British commitment to the United States on defence of the Chinese off-shore islands, it was learned today.

In Bangkok, where he is due tomorrow for the SEATO conference, Sir Anthony will seek immediate talks with the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, on the crucial Formosan problem.

The British Foreign Secretary is to underline the British decision to keep out of any fighting for the Quemoy and Matsu islands, the sources said.

The British Foreign Office today maintained a strict reserve on the delicate issue of any possible American entanglement over Formosa and of Britain's role in such an event.

It firmly declined to comment on Washington reports of a formal British demarche informing the United States that Britain would not assist America if she were involved in fighting around the off-shore islands. But officials emphasised that the United States Government was "well aware" of the state of British public and Parliamentary opinion on the question of Quemoy and Matsu.

They also recalled the Government statements in recent weeks that Britain had no commitment

towards the United States even for the defence of Formosa except through her membership in the United Nations.

BRITISH VIEW

Sir Anthony is expected to reiterate to Mr Dulles that in the British view the off-shore islands should be abandoned by the Chinese Nationalists.

He also carried along a brief from the Cabinet ruling out any British commitment to fight for Formosa.

Only by putting 100 miles of salt water between the Peking-controlled mainland and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Formosan domain could there be hope, in the British view, for a respite in the Formosan struggle and for a possible subsequent broader arrangement.

Sir Anthony is aware of America's important considerations for the morale and prestige of the Chinese Nationalists in Taipei, which have already suffered a severe setback due to the recent evacuation of the Tachen islands. But he was expected to search for some formula with Mr Dulles which would avert a head-on clash between the Reds and the United States 7th Fleet and air forces.

CENTRE SHIFTS

Officials said today that the centre of the Formosan ceasefire talks has now shifted to Bangkok where the two Foreign Secretaries will consider the next steps.

No news has come as yet from Moscow, despite Britain's request some 10 days ago for the Kremlin's views on the British demand that in any international ceasefire meeting the Nationalist Chinese authorities would have to be represented.

Moscow last week had given indication to British and Indian officials that they might consider Generalissimo Chiang's representation in some form at the proposed 10-Power conference.

But rumblings from Peking in the past few days have given rise to new Chinese attitude. The indications are interpreted as a further stiffening of the Peking regime on the entire Formosan question. — United Press.

Intense cold made it difficult to service aircraft at Kinross Royal Air Force station in the north of Scotland, headquarters of the rescue operation. As a result, fewer flights were made than had been planned. But planes managed to drop bales of hay to stranded flocks of sheep in the county of Caithness.

Eight aircraft were flown to Kinross today from other stations to help in difficult sorties in mountainous areas.

All Britain was today still in the grip of snow and ice with Air Ministry weather experts warning that the cold spell would continue.

In Kent, dozens of isolated villages and hamlets were snowed up under drifts five feet deep. Bulldozers, tractors and snowploughs worked all day to clear the main roads. Ball and road transport was badly hit in the South of England, with trains delayed and cars and lorries negotiating slippery roads at a crawl.

SPECTACULAR SITE PREPARATION FOR NEW BANK FLATS TWO AUSSIES & A BULLDOZER GET TO WORK

By William Smyly

Residents of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation flats in College Road, Kowloon, are beginning to look sadly out of windows on the top five floors at their splendid views over Kowloon Bay. Soon, it is hoped in Hongkong, the view will be even more magnificent. But the flats will no longer be there to look out on it.

The view which they will not be able to see will be the new \$96½ million extension of Kai Tak Airport.

Out of three blocks of flats comprising 30 floors, only 8 floors will be left standing when the alterations are completed to make room for aircraft passing overhead on their new approach run.

People living in the bottom eight floors which will remain will not be disturbed — except by the roar of aircraft passing overhead.

One of the first concerns to start work on the project is one of Hongkong's smallest companies — two young Australians, a driver, and a bulldozer.

In place of the block which is being cut in half, and supplementing it, Hongkong Government are levelling commanding hill-top sites above Kowloon Tong for the erection of three identical ten-story blocks. The new buildings will have a wide drive sweeping up from Waterloo Road, open fully country behind for children to explore and play in, and wide lawns in front, laid on a slope that is now about 80 feet up in the air.

Around a million cubic yards of hilltop is being pitched into a deep ravine. When the rough hill tops are flattened and the ravine is full, the laws will be laid.

HILLSIDE OPERATION

And at the moment the thing doing most of the pitching is the Australian bulldozer. Higher up the hill, pick and shovel men are camping on the steep slope and picnic there, and encourage the bulldozer to slip down into the valley with as much speed and as little manual labour as possible. But it would take 300 of them to keep up with the bulldozer.

The men behind the bulldozer, Dan Beard and Leo Callaghan, are like two characters who have stepped out of a rather far-fetched yarn by Mr Nevil Shute.

Dan ended the war by stepping out of the RAAF into a charter plane which he piloted till there was enough money to get one of his own. Leo, a well paid maintenance engineer and supervisor working with an Eastern airline, joined him in the venture. The two of them, their DC3, an office and office boy to keep it tidy, became "Air Asia".

Then the bottom dropped out of charter work and contract flights from Kai Tak to Frankfurt, Northolt, and Paris became affairs that cropped up a month or two in a week.

While things were slack, the company bought up some worn out earth-moving equipment at what Dan reckoned was "scrap-price".

price", and Leo kept himself employed getting it back into shape.

The thing that finally finished the charter company was when Dr. Moosaadegh cancelled a contract to carry 3,000 Persian pilgrims to the Hajj. Dan said



The bulldozer at work on the site for the new flats. — Staff Photographer.

rather bitterly: "He cancelled the contract because of something to do with plague. But the Americans came in and took them all free."

A 7-DAY WEEK As planes were still fetching top prices then Dan and Leo sold off the old DC3 to the new Kowloon National Airways, and they started life as an earth-shifting company. They work seven days a week.

Their Chinese driver, Chan Pok-hoi, for whom they both have high praise, works an eight-hour day, and does an extra run or two after Leo wakes up to tell him he can pack up at the end of it.

Then Leo gets to work for his maintenance shift. Dan still has a light plane for private charter work, but probably sell that too if the bulldozer, grader, roller, and carry-all earn their keep.

One reason why the bulldozer is being used for this contract

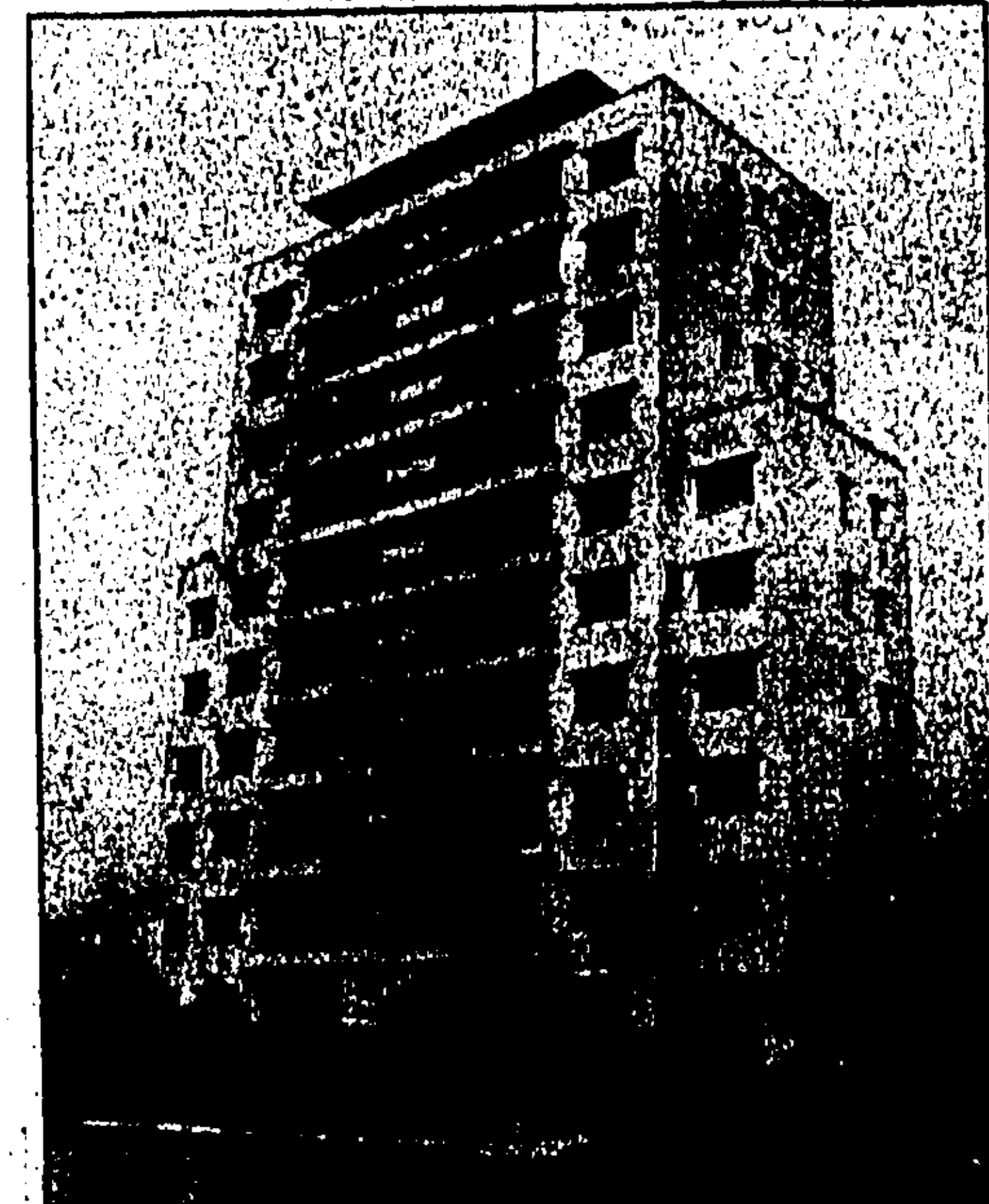
inspite of the normal Hongkong practice of providing employment by using coolies, is that the ground level of the new flats must be lowered an extra ten feet to reduce the risk to aircraft passing overhead.

Dan has dreams for dozer work in Hongkong — terracing hillsides for agriculture, flattening hills, and filling valleys.

But coolies will still be necessary because much of the ground contains heavy boulders which need men and possibly explosive, as well as heavy machines.

The decomposed granite site where he is working now he pronounced perfect dozer country. And when Dan uses the word "country", his definition goes deeper than most people's. To get a good look at the country around Kowloon Tong, he had to climb 50 yards into the hillside through tunnels, dug by prisoners during the war, to protect Japanese ammunition dumps from Allied bombing.

When the flats are up and filled, there caves should provide an amusing additional playground for the children.



Some of the present Hongkong Bank staff flats in College Road, a substantial part of which are to be demolished. — Staff Photographer.

Socialists Repudiate M. Faure

Paris, Feb. 21.

The Socialists tonight decided not to support, M. Edgar Faure in his efforts to form a new government and end France's 16-day political crisis.

The Socialists, largest single party in the National Assembly, said they would neither participate in a Faure Government nor support it.

Faure will decide whether to pursue his efforts after the meeting of his Radical Party tomorrow morning.

He told reporters that if he decides to go ahead, he will present himself to the National Assembly with a Cabinet list on Wednesday.

Faure added: "The President of the Republic urged me to continue my efforts despite the Socialists' refusal to participate. In consequence I am carrying on and will give my definitive reply tomorrow." — Reuter.

Ordeal MAKES MEDICAL HISTORY

London, Feb. 21.

A 28-year-old London woman has astonished doctors by going through the ordeal of giving birth to her baby twice, writes Chapman Pincher in the Daily Express. Nothing like it has been recorded in medical history before.

The woman, an intelligent housewife, was extremely happy until the birth of her son to which she had looked forward, but while the baby was being born, something happened in her mind which completely changed her personality.

When she recovered from the anaesthetic she found she no longer loved her husband, and she had no affection for her baby or her relatives.

"PERSONALISATION" Treatment at a mental hospital failed to help her, and she entered Guys Hospital, London, where Dr Edward Rolls and Dr Stafford-Clark diagnosed the trouble as a case of "depersonalisation"—a state in which she had lost normal contact with reality.

The doctors were sure the only way to cure her was to take her mind back to the moment during the birth when her personality had changed.

After standard treatments had failed the woman was given a course of hypnosis, which affected her sense of time, and causes hallucinations in which past events may be relived.

While the doctors were studying her reactions, she suddenly announced she was going to give birth to her baby again.

"ALL RIGHT NOW" For the next 24 hours she reenacted confinement in perfect detail. She was convinced the doctors were those who attended her originally.

After the phantom baby had been "born" she turned to one of the doctors whom she imagined was her husband and said triumphantly: "I've managed to have the baby at last. I am all right now."

The next morning her former personality had almost completely returned. Within a few days she went home—in love again with her husband, and full of interest for the baby who was then eight months old.

The doctors, who say she has since remained well, think the intense emotional strain of childbirth upset some chemical balance in the brain and the husband had somehow restored the balance and reconnected her mind with reality. — London Express Service.

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Vote For Tax Reduction

Washington, Feb. 21.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives today approved a Democratic plan for a \$20 a year income tax cut next January 1.

Members said the vote in the closest door session was 16 to 10.

The committee also approved by heavy margins President Eisenhower's request for \$200,000,000 in annual Corporation tax cuts, now scheduled for April 1.

The Administration had vigorously protested against the House tax cut reduction plan.

STOP PRESS

Keen Cricket

Sydney, Feb. 22.

The MCC-NSW match was left in an extremely interesting position at tea when the MCC were 228 for 5, 95 runs short of victory with five wickets standing.

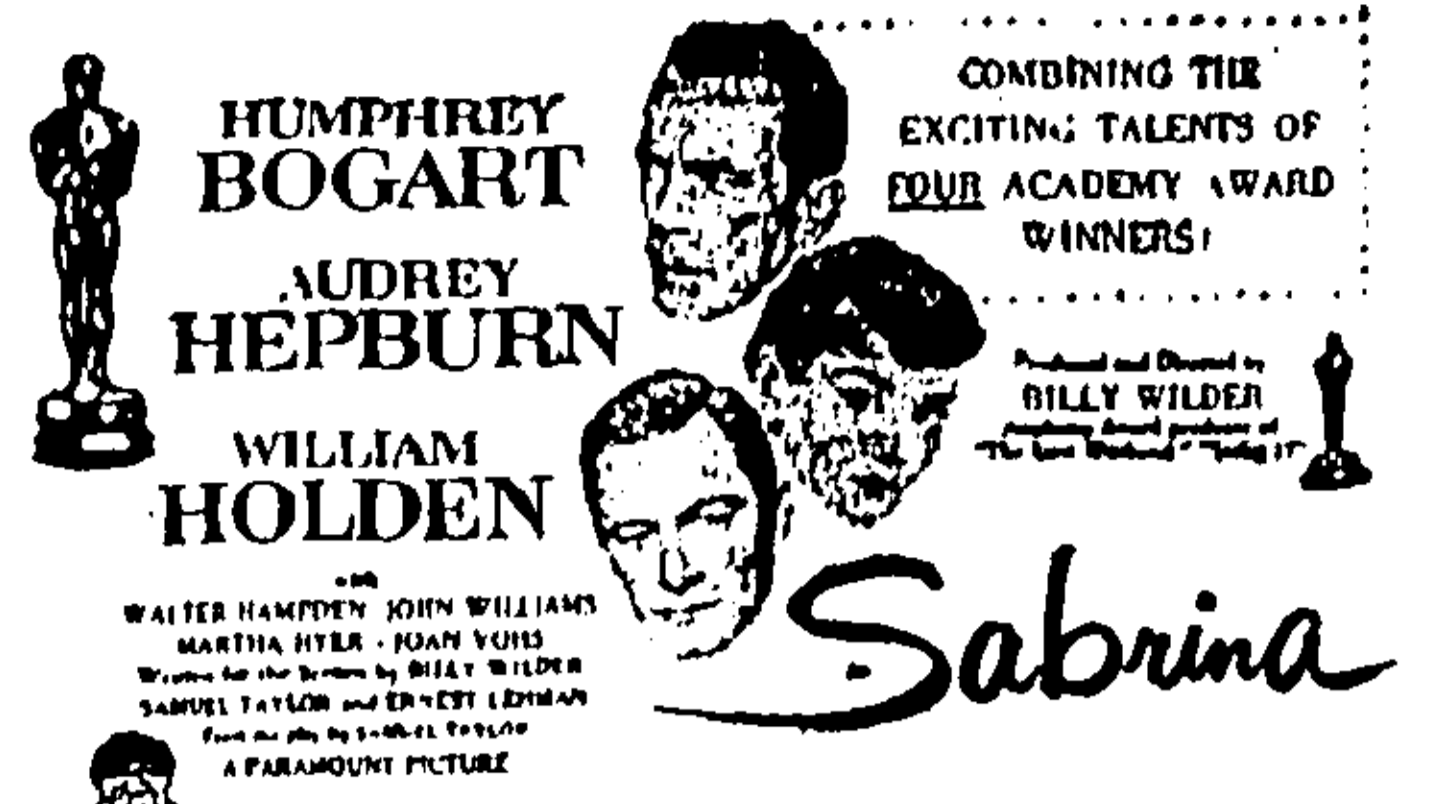
The Hunter-Mary partnership was 100 runs, with Mary bowled by Miller for 61.

Then Hutton was caught by Simpson off Miller for 159, after sailing 150 yards to the MCC total with 100 runs. At the afternoon tea, Sydney was 238 for 6, 100 runs short of victory.

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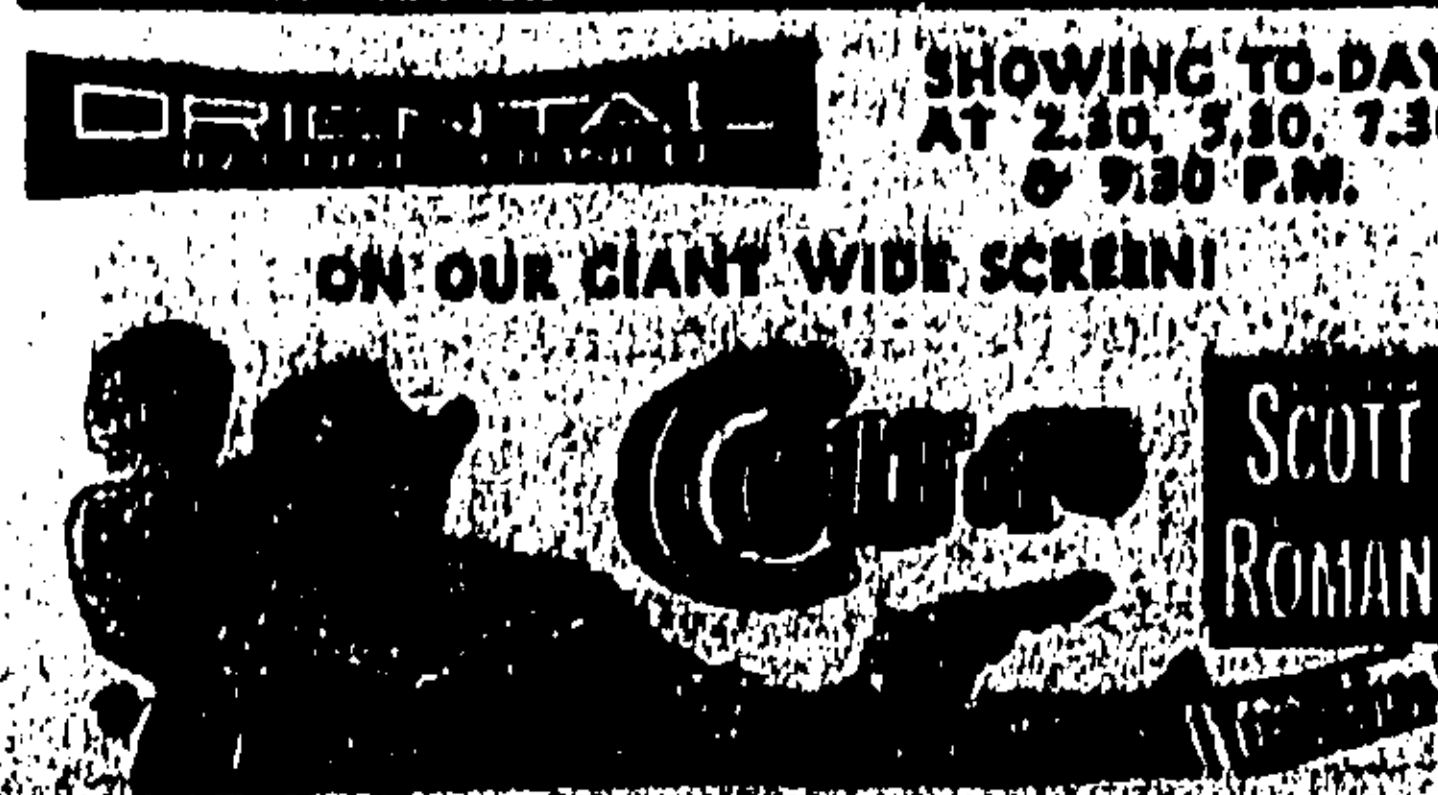
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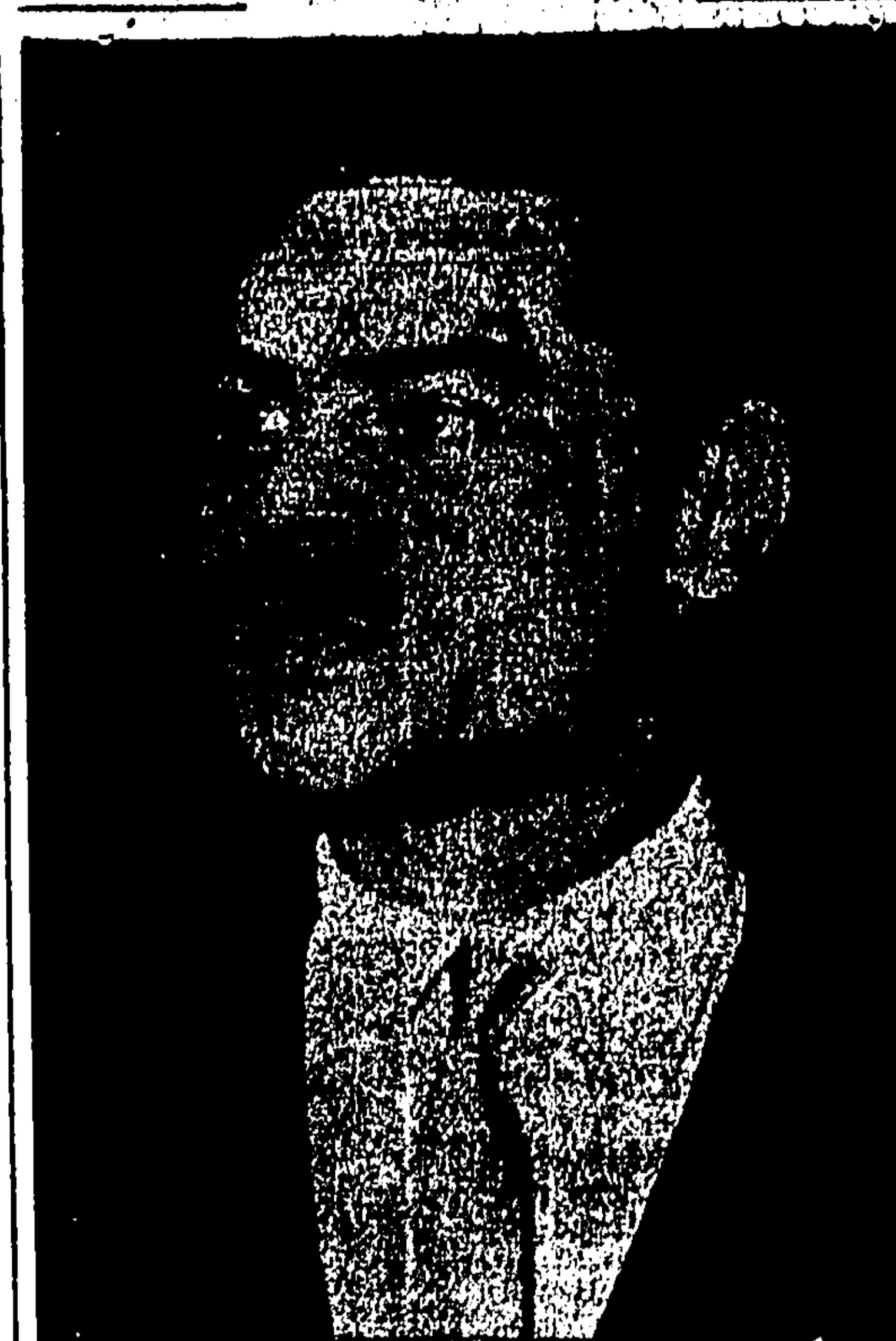
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U.S. SECURITY RISKS

Will Share Carol's Fortune



Maroos Lambino, son of King Carol of Rumania's morganatic runaway marriage in 1919 to Zizi Lambino, a ballerina, photographed recently in his Paris residence. After legal proceedings which lasted for many years, a Lisbon court has recognised Maroos Lambino's right to share in his father's fortune. (King Carol, it will be remembered, died in exile in Portugal). Other claimants to Carol's fortune are his son, ex-King Michael and his third wife, Princess Helena, the former Mme Lupescu.—Express Photo.

The Queen Will Attend Embassy Party

London, Feb. 21.

The Queen will visit the U.S. Embassy here for the first time tomorrow when the U.S. Ambassador, Mr Winthrop Aldrich, shows off his new home, once the property of "poor little rich girl" Barbara Hutton.

ROYAL ROMANCE RUMOUR

Duke's Friend Suffering From Nervous Exhaustion

Vienna, Feb. 21.
Rona Macleod, the British sportswoman whose acquaintance with the 19-year-old Duke of Kent, touched off rumours of romance, is in a state of "nervous exhaustion," her friends reported today.

"The poor thing has been besieged with telephone calls and all kinds of silly newspaper clippings," said a woman friend of Miss Macleod's by telephone from a hotel at the ski resort of Kitzbuehel.

"She's had all the London papers sent up to her room, where she is staying in seclusion—no, she will not answer the telephone."

HUMBUNG

Miss Macleod said yesterday that reports of a romance with the Duke were "absolute humbug."

Her friend said today, "All this silly rumour in the newspapers has reduced her to a state of nervous exhaustion." Despite the details the Duke's gossip increased wherever Europe's society gathered, from London right across the Continent.

The Duke himself could not be reached for comment. The Kensington Tourist Office said the British Consul at Innsbruck gave instructions that no press queries were to be answered at the fashionable boarding house where the Duke and his party were staying.—United Press.

Ike's Elimination Programme Under Attack

Washington, Feb. 21.

President Eisenhower's programme for ridding the Government of security risks came under attack on three fronts today with a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board leading the criticism.

A former Republican Senator, Mr Harry P. Cain, named to the Board by Mr Eisenhower, said that the programme has "swung too far on the side of injustice."

He especially criticised as "too harsh and difficult of reasonable administration" a key part of the President's 1953 order setting up the programme.

Simultaneously, a member of the House of Representatives, Mr Martin Dies, one-time Chairman of the House American Activities Committee, charged that the programme had been "badly handled." He urged "rigid" adherence to the "American standards of justice and fair play."

WHOLE QUESTION

The Cain-Dies charges came as a Senator, Mr Hubert H. Humphrey, announced that hearings will open on March 3 on a resolution introduced by himself and another Senator, Mr John C. Stennis, calling for the creation of a bipartisan commission to study the whole security question.

Mr Humphrey said that both Democrats and Republicans have "permitted the security problem to mushroom at random, and without rational planning, co-ordination and control." He said the hearings will put all the pieces of the "security jig-saw puzzle" together for the first time.

Mr Eisenhower has frowned on the special commission approach. He said recently that the programme is under continuing study by a special division in the Justice Department. The division is expected to come up with some recommendations soon. But they were said to be minor in nature and did not cover major criticism of the programme.

Mr Cain's attack, in a filmed interview over Rochester, New York, television stations, was his second in recent weeks on the Federal loyalty programme.

OVERHAUL

In a Spokane, Washington, speech on January 15 he said it should be overhauled to prevent it from "unnecessarily destroying individuals."

Mr Cain, regarded as a Conservative during his Senate days, said in the TV interview with a member of the House of Representatives, Mr Harold C. Osterling, that the United States is having "pendulum swings" with its internal security programmes.

"We didn't do enough to recognise the existence of the Communist conspiracy in years gone by," he said, "and now we are inclined to credit it to other citizens' motives which we would find fatal in ourselves." "The pendulum today has swung too far on the side of injustice. Our job now is to bring it back to the middle, where there is security on one side, and freedom on the other."

Mr Cain cited as an example of the "jig-saw" the provision in Mr Eisenhower's order of April 27, 1953, which requires that Federal employment of an individual be "clearly consistent" with the national interest.

Declaring that this is "too harsh and difficult of reasonable administration," Mr Cain said: "It makes it too easy to resolve doubt in favour of the Government and overlook the importance of the human being. In order for the programme to be firm and effective, it must be fair and just."

BADLY HANDLED

Mr Dies, one of the earliest of the Congressional Communist hunters, said that the Federal loyalty programme "has been badly handled, and I never have been in sympathy with the methods employed in these security probes."

Official Secrets Act Appeal

London, Feb. 21.

THE Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today dismissed a petition by Mr Lester Simmonds, former Minister of Education in Jamaica, for leave to appeal against his conviction of offences under the Official Secrets Act.

THE Jamaica Supreme Court sentenced him to 15 months imprisonment with hard labour last July for conspiring to communicate secret information to "persons unknown." He was said at the trial to have given Executive Council secrets to a local journalist.

MR Bernard Gillis, QC, for Simmonds, said that the jury's verdict in clearing him of five charges and finding him guilty of two others, were inconsistent and could not be supported by evidence. The Judicial Committee did not call on Counsel for the Crown.—China Mail Special.

Ballerina May Be Seeking Freedom

Vienna, Feb. 21.

A Czechoslovak ice ballerina who vanished from Vienna was believed today to be seeking political asylum in the West.

She is Marielva Nachodskya, 29-year-old beauty who came to Vienna with a Communist Czech team for last week's world figure skating championships. She was placed 18th.

The Czech Communist Legation here admitted that she had disappeared. She was not about the truth that took her teammates back to Prague yesterday.

Reliable sources said it was believed that Miss Nachodskya was still in Austria—probably somewhere in one of the Western zones of occupation—and that she had stated her unwillingness to return to her homeland.

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy said he could "neither confirm nor deny" that the Embassy had knowledge of her whereabouts.

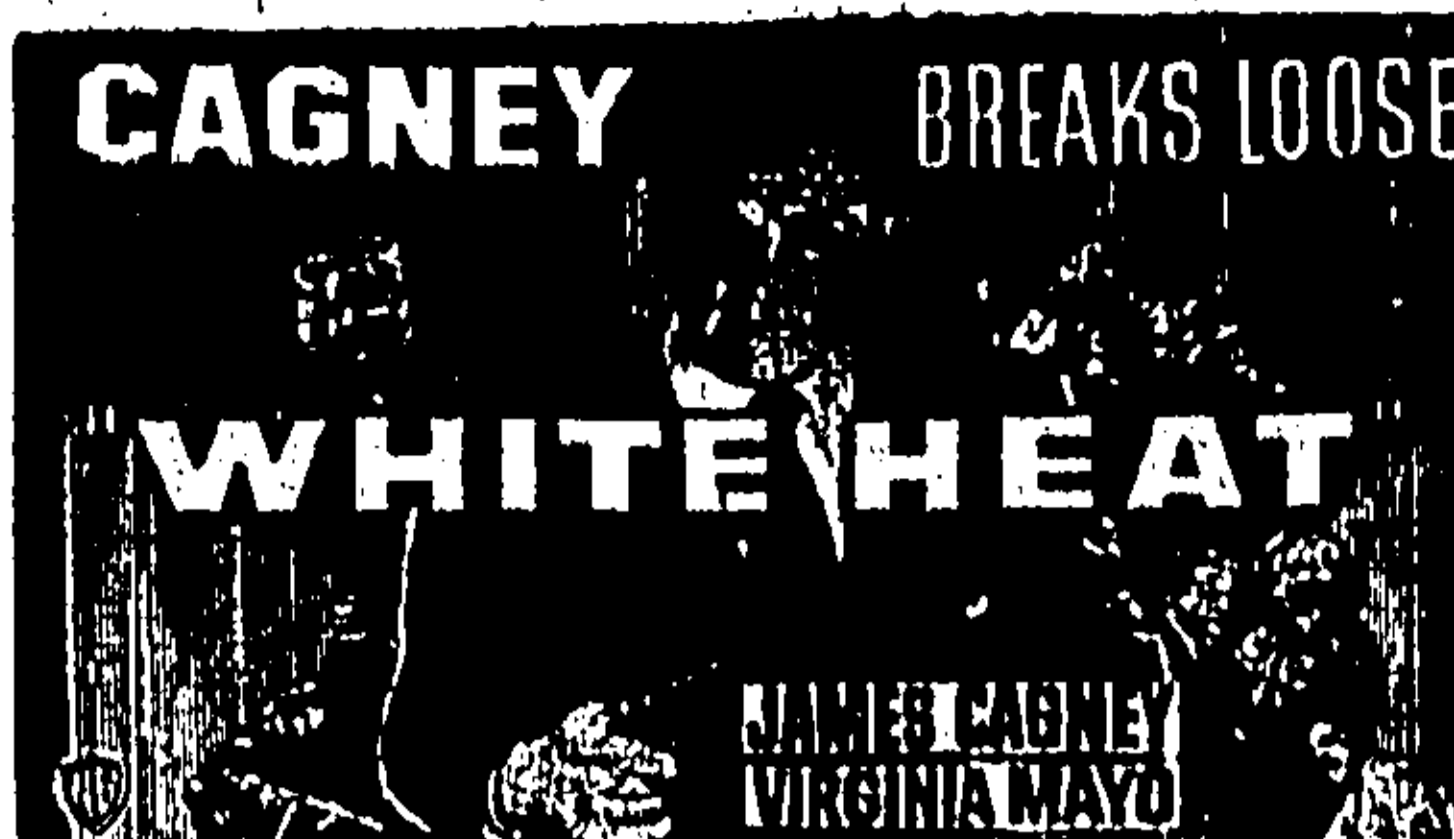
LAST SEEN

During last week's tournament, Miss Nachodskya was seen frequently in the company of Miss Carol Jane Pachl, a Prague-born skating star who now lives in Canada and who was a member of the Canadian team here.

Miss Pachl left by air for Germany on Saturday about the same time that Miss Nachodskya was last seen at the Park Hotel in the city's British sector, where she had been staying.—United Press.

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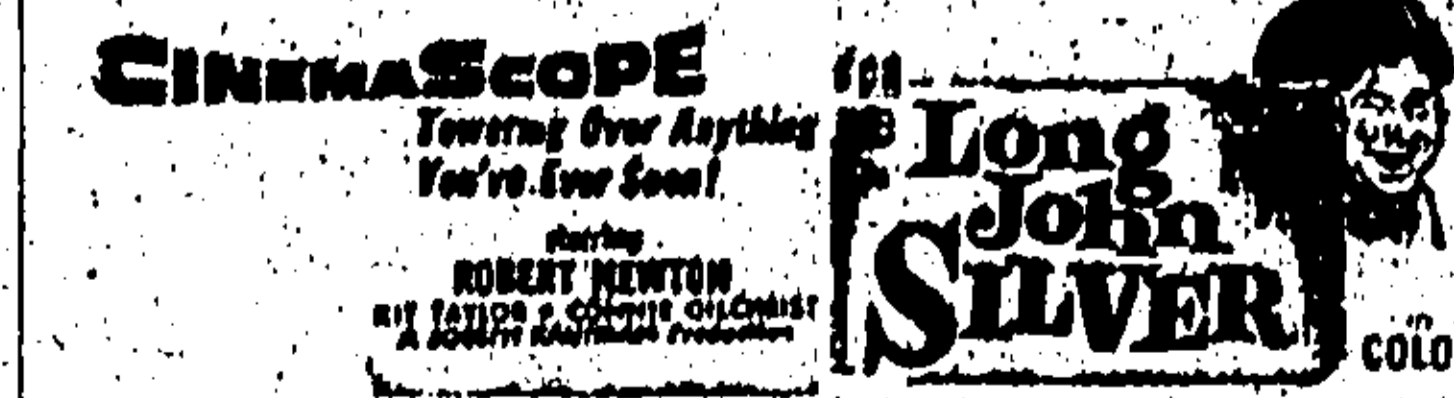
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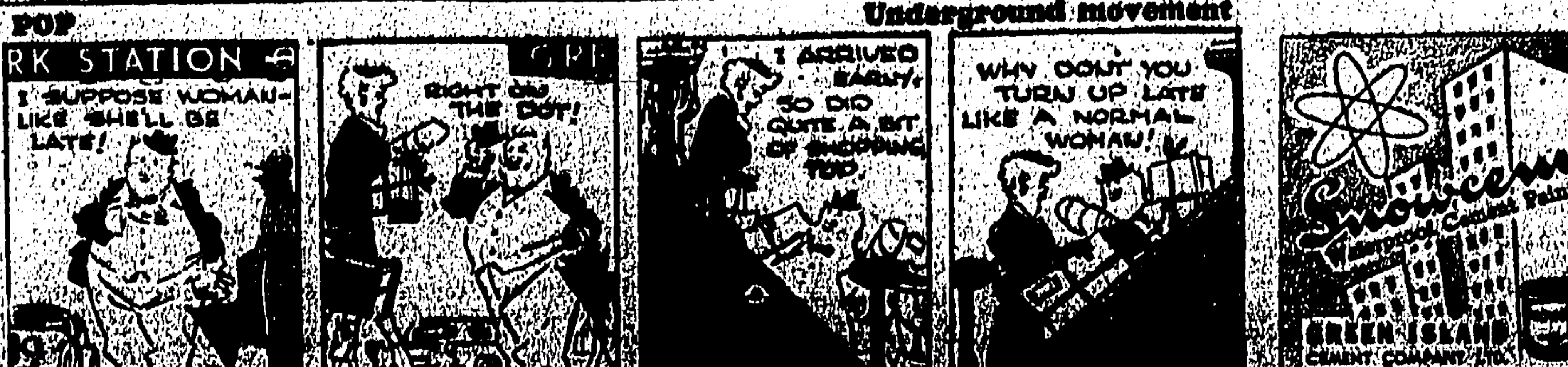


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THE JEEP WIFE

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London. It sounds a crazy, thoroughly haywire way of getting from one place to another. It may well be the maddest voyage of 1955.

Ellenore Carlin, a slim, black-haired, olive-skinned American, plans to travel with her husband, Australian-born Major Benjamin Carlin, from London to Australia—by amphibious Jeep.

It is a normal Jeep with a boat built around it; a peculiar looking craft 18ft. long with a spare tyre on the stern and a bunk where the back seat ought to be.

It is called "Half Safe," and the Carlins have already driven it across the Atlantic Ocean from Halifax to Northern Africa and up through Europe. They intend to get all the way round the world.

This trip to Australia, starting this month, means months on the road, crossing snow-capped mountains and arid deserts. It means weeks at sea, with one spell of at least 10 days between landfalls crossing the North Pacific.

How, what, why?

How do you cross an ocean by Jeep? What do you take with you? And why do you do it at all?

I went out to the Carlins' basement flat in Regent's Park to find out. Here are Mrs Carlin's answers:

"You do it by staying awake, steering, with occasional spells on a bunk, made up with a hairy, army horse-blanket. I insisted on sheets and pillow-cases when we started out from Halifax, but they got so wet and sticky that we gave them up after a couple of days.

"You do it by eating a steady diet of baked beans out of a can. By getting so sleepy that you keep your eyes open by dabbling them with paper handkerchiefs soaked in cold water.

"By getting so tired that you don't know what day it is, and barely whether it's light or dark—so tired that you 'wash' your



The wife—and the home that moves: MRS. ELLENORE CARLIN, and in the lower picture the Jeep with a boat built round it takes to the water.

face once a week with cold cream."

And what if you get seasick? "I am seasick," says Mrs Carlin calmly, "all the time."

What does a woman take with her on such a trip?

To wear: half a kit-bag full of clothes is the limit—two pairs of shorts, one pair of slacks, a cotton skirt, a couple of blouses, two pairs of shoes.

To eat: two dozen tins of baked beans; three dozen tins of fruit; 10lb. of biscuits; tea and coffee. "Ben has built two immersion heaters into the dashboard for this lap—coming across the Atlantic all our food was cold.

To provide a touch of luxury: a bottle of whisky, cigarettes (30 a day each). "I rolled 2,300 by hand before we left Halifax."

To read: "Nothing. We had books on the first lap, but we were too tired to read a word."

The money

And to give way: "Nylons, lipsticks—and needles. In the North African desert, the only thing that pleased the women were needles."

Where does the money come from? Well, when they landed in England three years ago they were flat broke. Ben had to rebuild the superstructure of the Jeep, so Ellenore went to work as a secretary with the Ameri-

can Navy—pay about £18 a week—to support them.

Then Ben wrote a book about the Atlantic crossing. The £1,000 advance royalties—the book will be out in September—pays for the next lap to Australia.

This sort of madcap venture is understandable for a man like Ben Carlin. At 43, he has been a mining engineer, digging gold in Western Australia and coal in Peking, joined the Indian Army when war broke out, and is fanatically interested in all mechanical things which move.

We arrive—

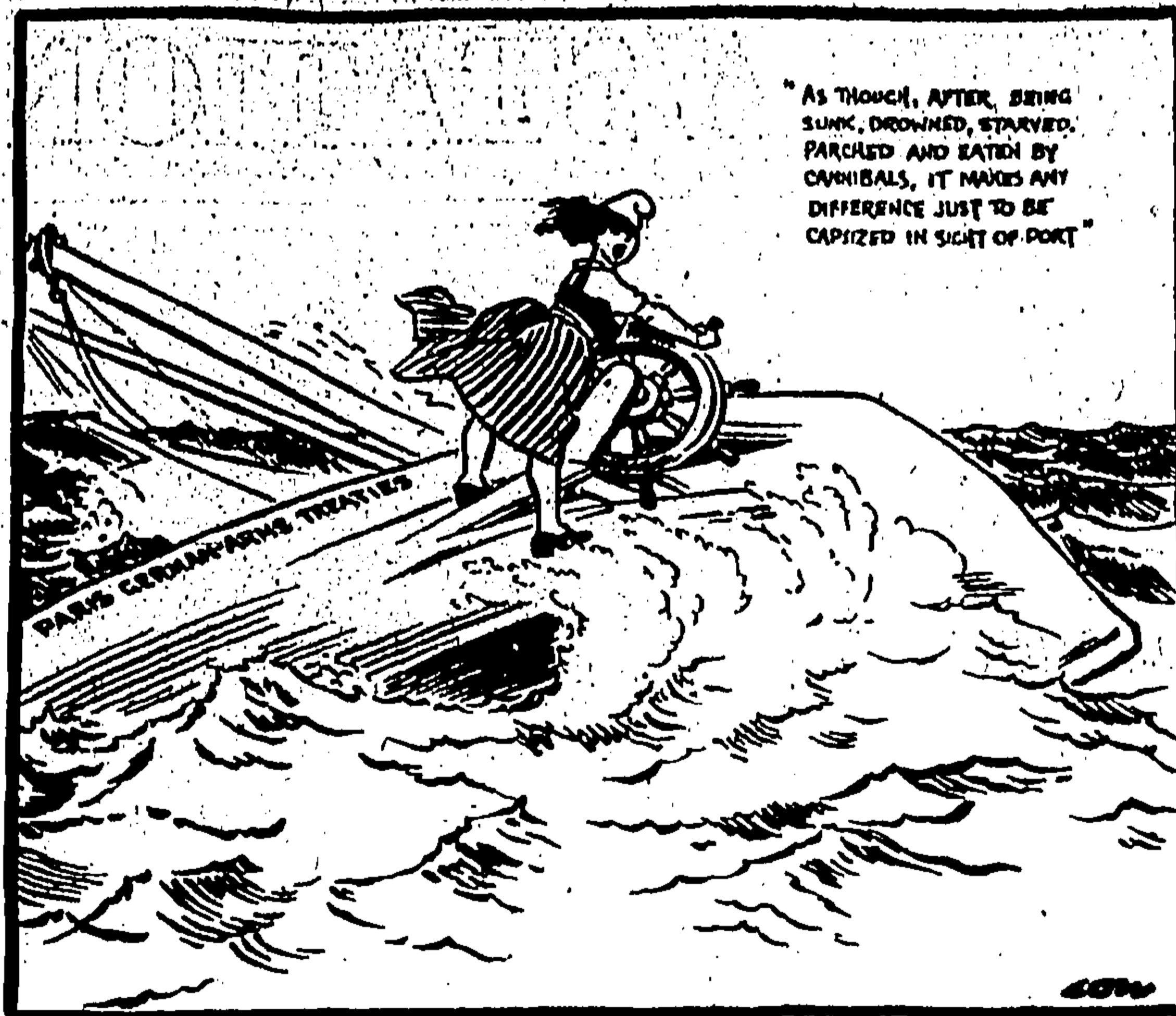
There is some excuse for him. But 37-year-old Ellenore does not seem the pioneering type. She is sleek and svelte. She likes comfort, pretty clothes, exotic dishes. Before the war she worked in the same job in the same small-town bank for 10 years.

Why does she do it? "Well," she drawls, "it's so nice to arrive at the other end. It gives you a sense of achievement. And we arrive quite often."

It sounds to me like hitting your thumb with a hammer, because it feels so good when you stop.

But Mrs Carlin just laughs. "I take to numbness very well."

Mary Heaton



TEMPESTUOUS JOURNEY

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RICHES AHEAD FOR THE IRISH BOG-MEN

By Vaughan Jones

A CROSS the grey Irish Sea, lonely bogland wastes still cover a million acres of the Republic of Ireland. On their rims huddle little white-washed cottages, their thatched roofs shading lightly against the misty purples and dark browns and greens of the bogs. Their poverty-ridden owners exist from a few acres of rough land, with a couple of pigs and a score of hens.

Potatoes are the mainstay of them all, though the hens have the advantage of being able to scratch around for grubs.

Only Poverty

THE holdings are passed from father to eldest son, who unquestioningly preserves the family name there rather than emigrate, like his brothers, to the fabled riches of the United States.

Utterly independent, he has few worries—except his

poverty. And at least he has no fuel problems. He cuts his turf (he won't know what you're talking about if you call it peat) at his own back door. With a two-edged spade, he slices down five, ten or more feet into the dark soggy mass and casts up the spits to dry on the heather-covered bank alongside.

Sometimes he is content to quit as soon as water seeping into his trench, prevents him digging lower. Sometimes the lie of the land and a rough drain runs the water off altogether and he cuts down to a gravelly bottom. Then his new-won land will bear a crop of poor potatoes, or struggle until years of tillage have added some richness. And so the Irish have slowly driven back the bogs.

Right now, however, the Irish bog-men are discovering they are sitting on riches: the very bog which they considered only fit for fuel can one day make them wealthier than their green-grassed neighbours. In the wilds of Connought, where water-logged wastes are still the refuge of snipe and duck, woodcock and plover, a great experiment is proving a success.

For Gowla—one of the most desolate bogs in Galway—is being transferred into rich farmland by the men from Dublin.

The men from Dublin—as represented by the Irish Sugar Company—had studied scientific methods of soil cultivation. They agreed, of course, that Ireland would never be quite Old Ireland again once its bogs had disappeared. But they believed it preferable to give the poor more food.

The city men set to work on Gowla and ignored the local folk, who shook their heads at their effrontery in thinking they could beat the bog. They talked about mineral soil and bog soil, and their idea was so simple that the folk wouldn't believe it could work.

Green Crop

IN brief, it was not to cut away the turf to the poor subsoil, as the local people had done from generation to generation. It was to convert the bog surface into rich crop-bearing land.

First they started on a plot little more than seven acres. They drained it, they cleared the heather from it and levelled it. They broke up the surface to a spade-spit's depth—and not for carting away for lightening heavy land elsewhere, as was the local custom. Then they added the necessary fertilisers—the chemists had previously analysed the turf—and they sowed mixed grass and clover. The surface dried and firmed. In three months there was a thriving green crop. And the new land was so solid that nearby farmers could drive their bullocks across it without the animals sinking, floundering, to their middles as they had before.

The city men went on to a bigger tract of bog, 3,400 acres. In parts it was thirty-five feet deep in water, alme and turf.

A Success

THIS time they brought in simple machinery to help them. An excavator cut the drains, throwing up the turf to be dried and harvested for fuel. The fertilizer was carried in trailers mounted on light, hollow steel rollers nine feet long and five feet across—too bulky to sink through the still-soft surface. Another machine, the "rotovator," broke up the top eight inches. Finally came the machine which sowed the seed and rolled it in.

The hay was harvested—the yield was bigger than that of the surrounding farms—and the men from Dublin went on to other crops.

They planted barley, potatoes and sugar beet. They planted spruce and poplar—for gun-shooting America.

The experiment was an unqualified success. To the acre, 30 cwt. of barley; 16 tons of seed potatoes; and, eventually, more than 17 tons of sugar beet. After the first year, further there, the ground was twice that of neighbouring "mineral" land.

The city men are developing the bog, and the local people are

WHAT'S BEHIND THE FORMOSA SMOKE-SCREEN?

By JAMES WICKENDEN

WHAT is really behind the heated wrangles, the threats and the boasts of the two Chinese sides battling round Formosa?

Clearly, the revolution which reached its height in 1949 with Mao Tse-tung's victory in China is not yet over. This is not a new struggle. It is an old one. China is still in the flux of civil war.

Britain's recognition unintentionally tended to give the impression that the Communists were undisputed and the government of China settled for all time. True, the Communists control the largest slice of China and are far stronger

than the Nationalists. But, until a few weeks ago, it was not the Communists who had the initiative but Chiang Kai-shek.

He opened large guerrilla forces on the mainland. The Communists have none in Formosa. His air force scoured the Red coast for hundreds of miles. The Communists have not been over Formosa for six months and then only in a reconnaissance flight. The exodus of refugees and ex-war prisoners has been from the mainland to Formosa. There has been none from Nationalist areas into China.

What is happening, therefore, is that the Communists are striving to reverse this initiative; to cut out the coastal islands essential to Chiang's influence in China. The struggle is essentially strategic, and without the moral significance the Communists have tried to paint.

Two pictures WHAT of support for the two regimes? In China since last September Peking has striven hard to raise recruiting fever among the youth and has failed. The failure has been repeatedly admitted in Chinese papers. Finally, conscription has just been introduced, as well as tighter police security measures. On Formosa the picture is different. There is no lack of support for the Chiang regime, hard as it may be for some to believe.

The fact is that while the glamour of Communism has begun to wear thin in China, the Nationalist Government has learnt from past mistakes. But the world has given Chiang Kai-shek a bad name and will not forget it. This error prevents a clear appraisal of his position today.

Chiang has not helped his own cause. His proclaimed intention of invading China "any time now" while withdrawing from the Tachens makes him appear as a paper tiger.

SOUND REASONS

BUT the reasons for it are sound. They are the same reasons which prompt him to say he will not quit Quemoy and Matsu. He wants to prevent demoralisation among his troops, who are on tiptoe for an invasion. He wants to drive as hard a bargain for American aid as he can.

Calling for a stand on Quemoy is his highest demand on the U.S.A. It is part of the Oriental procedure of bargaining. It ensures that, when he reluctantly agrees to withdraw, the Americans will be screwed to defend Formosa if necessary.

Why blame him for that? He does not. Despite all the speculation on his attitude, Nehru refuses to say that Formosa belongs by right to the Communists. His firm "no comment" on this question in London and his stated reluctance to a conference on Formosa are important guides—the only sure ones—to his opinion.

BEST SOLUTION

HE says, like Eden, that an informal cease-fire is the best immediate solution. Beyond that he will not talk. This means that Chiang must abandon his coastal islands and the influence he exerts from them. That is his loss. But the Communists, too, must abandon their offensive intentions beyond the coast. It is a fair share of bitterness for either side.

If there is a Geneva-type conference this will probably be Nehru's line. And what he says will be the most important factor in a predominantly Asian discussion.

Knew All HIGH on the mountain, a shepherd with pecking round his feet sent us back to the parish priest. "Sure," Father Donnelly who knows every child who speaks Irish, he informed us. And at the village we called on Father Donnelly, genial and rose-faced, who knew everything that happened in the wilds. "What is the truth, Father?" we said, "about these people who are so Irish they can't speak a word of English?"

"You tell me the truth," he replied, sadly. "Indeed, I will. I have just been to a meeting of the lads who speak Irish. And some had come from Cork and Kerry, and some from Sligo and Ballina and others from all over Ireland. But I couldn't understand a word anyone said, and I couldn't make a word out of it. I was so lost, I was so lost, I was so lost."

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COINCIDENCE

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IT'S uncanny, incredible, all but impossible—and TRUE! That is coincidence, the phenomenon which has become a talking point all over Britain since the Death Penalty debate in the Commons recalled one of the strangest coincidences of all.

Timothy John Evans and John Christie—both hanged for murder, both living in the same road... in the same house.

It is a coincidence as extraordinary that some people have been unable to believe.

"TOO MUCH of a coincidence," they say. "It couldn't be true."

But nothing is too much for coincidence. It is a chance in a million, a billion, but it happens.

CO-PASSENGER

It happened to Thomas Hodgkin, now serving seven years in gaol for the manslaughter of his wife's lover in 1952.

He stumbled out of his home that day hardly knowing what he had done.

A bus nearly ran him down. The driver, seeing his distress, stopped a passing ambulance.

Hodgkin climbed in, then saw the other passenger. The man he had just killed.

60-odd miles to confound Mr Cyril White, of Wetwang, Yorks, and Mr Cyril White, of Leeds.

Two cars collided about two months ago. Out stepped the drivers. Introduced themselves. Two Cyril Whites, from 60 miles apart! The odds against, said the local police chief, were bigger "than the ordinary man's chance of a winning line on the Treble Chance."

THE THEORY

Many people have strange beliefs about coincidence. They hold that lightning "will never strike in the same place twice; that a second shell will not land where the first fell.

Dr Horace Levinson, the mathematician, dealt with such beliefs in a book he wrote on "The Science of Chance."

He recalls how, in "Peter Simple," Captain Marryat tells of a midshipman who stuck his head out through a shell-hole in the side of his ship during a naval battle, believing that the odds were 32,647 to one that another bullet would not come through the same hole.

Dr Levinson agreed that the lad was right in thinking the chance of two shells hitting the same place is small.

THE WINNER

But he was wrong in believing that, after one shell had landed, the chance that a second would land in the same place is any smaller than the chance it would hit any other spot agreed on in advance.

For all that, we all have our tales of coincidences that have impressed or amused or shocked us. The Londoner who found himself

when the wind blew, a newspaper into his face.

He brushed it away, then saw that it was his own local paper.

He read it casually—and found a paragraph saying he had won 10s. in a competition. That is the sort of coincidence that is none the less impressive for its homeliness.

It was the sort that happened to Mrs Lily Horner, of Hendon, who broke her foot a week or so ago, went to Edgeware Hospital, and met her brother there. He was also having treatment.

NEW HOPE

For these are coincidences with no outward, easy explanation, and new hope to men hard pressed.

Admiral Sir Robert Burnett tells the story of such a one on an icy Russian convoy during the war.

"We were being hammered pretty badly," he says. "I was very, very worried. So much so that I was turning over in my mind whether I should go on and risk the losses or turn back for home."

There was a lull. I took out my Bible and opened it, quite indiscriminately.

I read: "When I was passing through the waters, I will be with thee. When thou shalt walk through the fire, thou shalt not be burned."

I said to my chief of staff: "It's all right. We are going through and we shall not be



"Yes, sir, that boy of mine has a head on his shoulders. When I took him into the business, you should see the secretary he hired."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THE suggestion that athletes, particularly high and long jumpers, should take lessons in ballet-dancing, fills me with a sense of well-being.

I would go further and say that I think a high jumper should jump with a ballerina in his arms, to give him some of the grace and poise that he needs. I expect you two would like to be alone," said Gloria, going towards the door. "I expect, you two would like to be alone," said Gloria, going towards the door. "I expect, you two would like to be alone," said Gloria, going towards the door.

Oh, dear!

MIMIE SLOP-CORNER had called at Suet's office to return a book he had lent her on "Fifteenth Avenue." She found Gloria Greenleaf in the room. I expect you two would like to be alone," said Gloria, going towards the door. "I expect, you two would like to be alone," said Gloria, going towards the door.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

BORN today you possess exceptional powers of observation and a tendency to bottle up your own feelings. You are a good-natured person who is inclined to impose upon you. Guard against this or you may find yourself ending up with too little time for your own work. Learn that often the best philosophy is that which teaches there now to help themselves rather than you doing the job for them.

You have a tender heart and are sympathetic with the sorrows of others. You are a good-natured person who is inclined to impose upon you. Guard against this or you may find yourself ending up with too little time for your own work. Learn that often the best philosophy is that which teaches there now to help themselves rather than you doing the job for them.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

PIECES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Be sure to utilize all your talents on the job and you will find that it pays to advertise yourself!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't be too disappointed if there is a minor upset which makes it impractical for you to do what you want to do now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You can use your brain to save your muscles! Try out a new procedure at work and discover that it pays off.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Let no chance to advance yourself, however small, escape your attention at this time. Could be important!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Be content with all the minor joys in life and the greater things will be yours, as well.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—As the end of the month approaches, you may want to take stock of your affairs and make future plans.

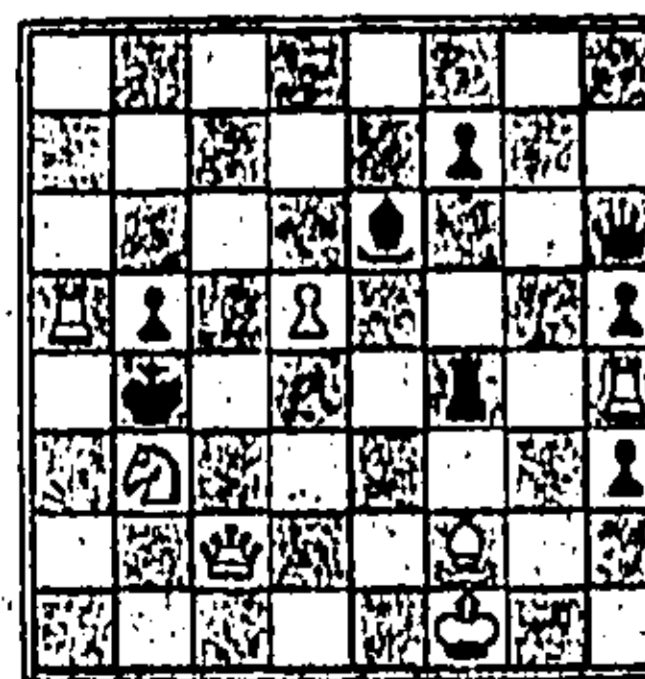
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—You may want to entertain at home this evening. Invite a few congenial friends to join you for dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Worrying over what has passed can do no good at all. Look to the future and take a positive attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You may have a new idea. If it

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL
Black, 8 pieces



White, 7 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. K-K4. 1. P-K5; 2. B-K4 (ch); 1. ... others; 2. P-QB4 (ch).

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Player Will
Rise Above Luck

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S very natural to rejoice when your luck is good and to feel a little sad when your luck is bad. Only rarely do you get the chance to rise above bad luck, as my friend, Henry Chanin, did in the bridge hand shown today.

Chanin knew that he was bidding the South hand to the limit. His partner's first response showed a count of 16 or 17 points, which meant that the combined count was only 31 to 32 points in high cards.

Nevertheless Henry pushed ahead to the slam in spades. This was slightly optimistic, but far from unreasonable.

West opened the jack of clubs, and Chanin considered his best line of play. Let's consider the hand along with him. Since we can see all the cards we can tell that both finesses in diamonds and the finesses in clubs are doomed to failure. Moreover, the hearts are not going to break 3-3. In short the luck is almost as bad as it could be.

Chanin couldn't tell that he was going to run into such bad luck, but he found a way to get around it anyway. He won the first trick with dummy's ace of clubs and ruffed a club with the queen of spades.

NORTH 29			
♠ J98			
♥ K62			
♦ A Q 10			
♣ A Q 5 3			
WEST			
♠ 3 2			
♥ 9 6			
♦ 9 7 6 4			
♣ J 10 9 8			
EAST			
♠ 7 4			
♥ J 10 7 3			
♦ K J 8			
♣ K 7 4 2			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A K Q 10 5			
♥ A Q 8 4			
♦ 5 3 2			
♣ 6			
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 N.T.	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ J			

He got back to dummy by leading the low trump to dummy's eight and ruffed another low club with the king of spades.

Continuing his plan, Chanin led the ten of spades to dummy's jack and ruffed out dummy's last club with the ace of spades. This cleared up the entire club suit and left declarer without a trump in his hand.

Chanin next led a heart to dummy's king and led the nine of spades to draw West's last trump. East and South each discarded a diamond on this trick.

It was now time to try out the hearts. Chanin cashed the ace and queen of that suit, discovering that East was then left with the jack of hearts. Declarer promptly led his last heart, giving East the trick.

At this point East's last two cards were diamonds, and he had to lead up to dummy's ace-queen, giving dummy a free finesse. Chanin thus lost only one trick, making his slam contract.

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: West 1st, North 1st, South 1st, East 1st. South holds: Spades 9-4, Hearts Q-J-7-3, Diamonds 8-5, Clubs A-Q-J-4-3. What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. This is, of course, a very strong bid, but your partner should have at least 14 points in high cards for his double. You have 10 points in high cards, a good suit and strong support for the suit. You know that same is extremely likely, and you must convey this information to your partner.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 9-4, Hearts Q-J-7-3-2, Diamonds 8-5, Clubs A-Q-J-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow.

DUMB BELLS

HAVE YOU EVER HAD CHICKEN FOX?

NO BUT I WANT TO HAVE A CHICKEN FOX.

YES BUT I WANT TO HAVE A CHICKEN FOX.

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Sailor-Girl Cardigan



This sailor collared cardigan for spring is in superfine lambswool. In the new shorter length it has raglan sleeves and a snug-fitting waistline.—London Express Service.

Prepare Light Snacks For Easy Entertaining

ORANGE Wedge Rolls are good for breakfast or afternoon tea, or any time.

Brush tsp. melted butter over tops of 6 ready-to-bake dinner rolls.

Make a lengthwise cut in top of each roll. Combine 2 tsp. orange juice, 2 tsp. sugar and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. Insert 1/2 tsp. of this mixture and 1 orange section in each cut. Bake in greased shallow pan at 400° F. for 12 min.

HONEY WALNUT ROLLS

Sweet and ever so good are Honey Walnut Rolls. To make, brush melted butter over top of 6 ready-to-bake rolls; then make a lengthwise cut in the top of each roll. Spread 1/4 tsp. honey into cut and over top of

each roll. Insert half a walnut part way into each cut. Bake in greased shallow pan at 400° F. for 10 min.

BACON AND ASPARAGUS

Here's something nice to serve with salad luncheon or supper. It's Bacon and Asparagus Sandwiches. Just split large dinner rolls in horizontal halves and butter. For the filling, use 1 slice crisply cooked bacon folded to fit, 2 spears of blanched or frozen asparagus and a 1-in. strip of Cheddar cheese. Insert in each, fasten sandwiches with toothpicks and place in greased, shallow pan. Bake at 400° F. for 12 min. Brush with melted butter and serve piping hot.

Want to turn a simple roll into something interesting? Try Pineapple Crunch Rolls.

Start with 8 ready-to-bake dinner rolls.

KEEP IN TRIM... BY IDA JEAN KAIN

HOW TO GET RID OF THE DOWAGER'S HUMP

A DOWAGER'S hump is a telltale sign of age. This protrusion of fat which perches on the seventh cervical vertebra at the nape of the neck always is a shocking surprise.

Perhaps you haven't taken a backward glance for some time...but viewing the new millinery creation that the salesgirl assures you would take years off your age, you suddenly notice a small but unmistakable hump at the bend of the neck. How long has this been going on...where did it come from?

Well, it comes from bending the head forward over the years, perhaps while reading, knitting or typing. Erect head carriage is the only prevention. Once having assumed this annoying appendage, you may think it's there for keeps, but it need not be. The cure is corrective exercise backed up with good head carriage.

Here is an easy-to-do set of exercises to banish the hump. The first corrective exercise helps counteract the forward bending tendency which is the natural result of most of our work activities.



Banishes "Dowager's Hump"

Position: Lie face down on floor, arms down at sides. Movement: Keeping the arms straight, clasp hands behind back and forcibly contract back, shoulder and neck muscles to raise the head and chest clear off the floor. As you come up, contract and hold with the big hip muscles to fix the lower spine. Hold for a second and release. Repeat 3 times, gradually work up to 6, but relax between movements.

Position: Lie on back on floor with arms outstretched sideways on floor at shoulder level, palms flat on floor. Movement: Pushing down with hands, raise chest off floor,

arching the upper back so that weight is resting on back of head, hands and hips. Hold... relax. That gets it! Repeat 4 times, gradually increase to 8.

Position: Sit in straight-backed chair, drop head back on shoulders and look up at ceiling. Movement: Very slowly roll head around toward one shoulder... slowly roll back toward other shoulder. Repeat 4 to 6 times, making each half roll slowly and lazily. Now relax by slumping shoulders up around ears and slowly arching back and down... circle with one shoulder tip a few times, then the other, then together.

And most important—get the knack of pulling up strongly with the neck, keeping that line almost straight. The chin should be held level, tipped neither up nor down. Form the habit of beautiful head carriage... and a dowager's hump hasn't a chance.

Madame Fath Presents A Successful Show With

A Variety Of Styles

A YOUNG widow striving to carry on the tradition of her late husband kept alive the great fashion house of Jacques Fath with a big showing of 1955 styles.

Madame Genevieve Fath put women back in the fashion designing picture with a show that had something for all shapes and sizes.

From sheer sheaths, curvaceously shaped, to prim English schoolboy styles, Madame Fath presented beautifully executed clothes which carried all the popular trends seen in the current battle of the bosoms.

The buyers and experts gave warm applause to this gallant attempt to carry on the high standards for which Jacques

was famous. All were happy to see her succeed. Two silhouettes predominated: the "drinking straw" line which revealed neither bosom nor hips, and the "suspended full-

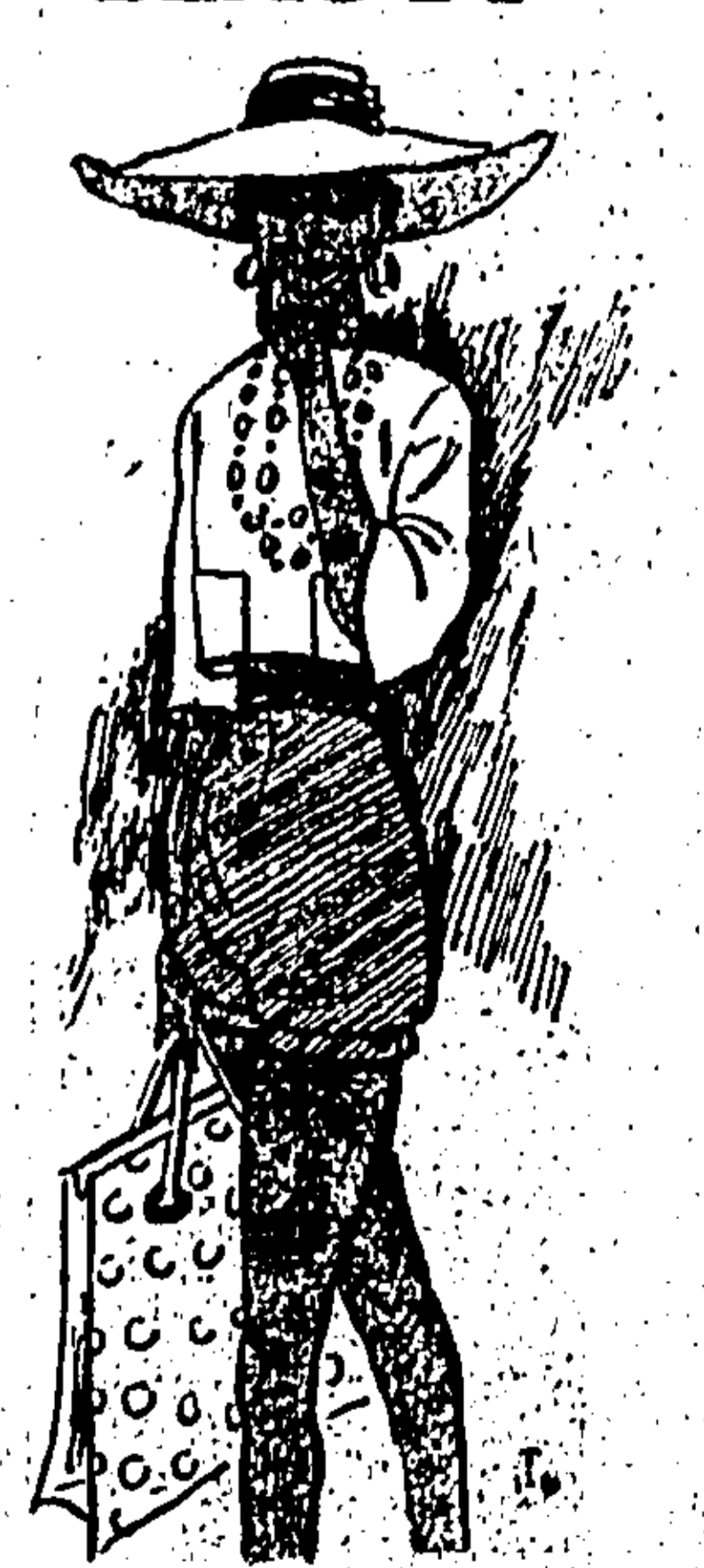
ness" skirt, a belled line topped by a moulded bustle torso. But of all the designs, two stood out in originality and whimsicalness.

The Eton schoolboy look—a blazer jacket and box-pleated skirt of grey and white striped flannel which was topped by a starched white collar and string tie.

The other, for summer yacht club parties, came in a middy blouse and skirt combination, of orange and white, the pull-over middy carried a worked-in regatta tie knotted at the throat.

White touches at the neck and cuffs and a swirling accordion pocket added a gay picture.—United Press.

NEW BEACH BEAUTY



By GRACE THORNCILFFE

THE current crop of resort clothes looks very new. This short, boxy, boat-neck top, in bright pink cotton, has two patch pockets and a buttoned placket. It is worn with bloomers, type shorts of bright blue cotton that have buttoned-band legs. For a Caribbean look, load on colorful head ropes and a native-type hat. You'll be right in style.

Household Hints

Candles that adorn your table setting often present a stain problem. The secret? Candle wax stains with a dull knife. Then place the stain between blotters or paper towels and press gently with a warm iron. Move blotters as they take up portions of the stain.

Always wash your coffee maker well after each use. Fat and oils which are extracted from coffee during the brewing process, and a salamander, and perhaps a food to live in. It will have a garden right in our houses all through the winter!

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Very Novel Switch

—An Aquarium Is Turned Into a Terrarium—

By MAX TRELL

It was a rainy day and rather cold, for the month was December and summer was almost forgotten and winter was already getting ready to settle down for the next three months.

That Kind of Day

It was just the sort of day to spend down in the cellar setting boxes and barrels and piles of this and heaps of that and poking of the other thing to rights.

Mr. Punch and his wife Judy and General Tin the Tin Soldier and Teddy the Stuffed Bear and Mary-Jane the Rag Doll and Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names were all working. "We'll get everything as neat as a pin," Judy was saying.

Then all at once Knarf spied an oblong glass-sided box, about as big as an egg crate.

Hanid and Mary-Jane spied it at the same time.

Knarf shouted, excitedly: "Look! It's an aquarium!"

Mr. Punch and General Tin and Judy came over to look at it.

"Yes, it's an old aquarium," Mr. Punch decided. "I put it here quite a while ago, after we bought the new one for the goldfish."

Judy said: "Just look here, Knarf. There's a crack in the slate bottom. That's why we stopped using it."

Knarf and Hanid and Teddy the Stuffed Bear and Mary-Jane

and General Tin all looked. Sure enough, there was a crack in the slate at the bottom. It wasn't a very big crack, but it was a crack just the same.

"What a shame!" said Hanid. "I thought we could keep fish in it," said Knarf. "But now I see it's no good at all."

Mr. Punch was about to say, "I'm afraid it isn't. Then he changed his mind. He smiled. 'I think we can do something with it, after all—yes, we can make a terrarium out of this.'"

"A terrarium?" all the others exclaimed. "What is that?"

"Well," said Mr. Punch, as they all walked upstairs again with the glass box, "a terrarium is just the opposite of an aquarium. An aquarium is for water animals and water plants. And a terrarium is for—"

"For land plants and land animals. Is that right, Mr. Punch?" said Hanid.



"We can make a terrarium of this," said Mr. Punch.

Mr. Punch nodded and added that a terrarium resembled a small, a very small greenhouse. "It can be made very pretty. Shall we fix it up now?" he asked.

So Mr. Punch set about fixing it up. He wiped the glass sides, then he put a layer of earth and moss on the bottom. "It doesn't hurt that the bottom is broken," he said. "We'll simply keep it on a tray so that if any little dampness creeps through the dirt, the table will not be damaged."

A Living Garden

Then Mr. Punch planted some little ferns in the moss, laid a few twigs and small stones about, and made a tiny pool out of a glass dish which he filled with water.

Everyone now agreed that the terrarium looked exactly like a tiny garden. "Yes," said Mr. Punch, "it's an indoor garden. And tomorrow we'll get a little turtle, and a salamander, and perhaps a food to live in. It will have a garden right in our houses all through the winter!"

Rupert and the Broken Plate—3



"Miss Bear is made as comfortable as possible and then Rupert and his Daddy bring a cup of tea to her. 'You must say her for the present,' says Mr. Bear. 'Rupert and I can manage things quite well for a while.' However, when they have had their tea, Rupert and his Daddy go to the kitchen."

TARGET

How many words of four letters can you find in the letters in the word below?

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March, 1955, at 11 a.m. at the
Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor,
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General Meeting including the following:—

- (1) To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1954, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
- (2) To approve the Dividend.
- (3) To elect Directors.
- (4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Wednesday, the 23rd of February, to Tuesday, the 8th of March, 1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1955.

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We wish to advise that as from Monday 21st February 1955, the address of this company will be:—

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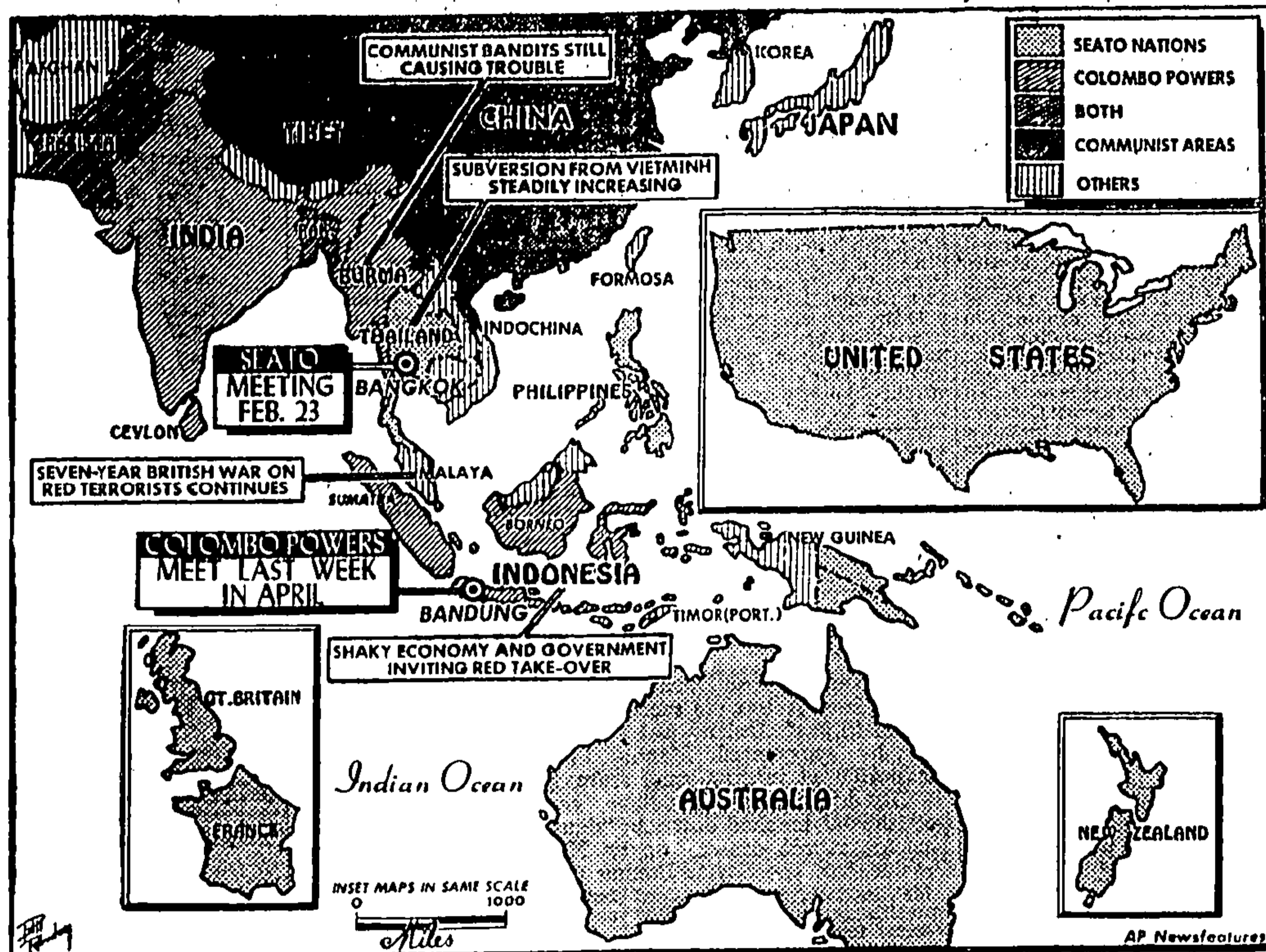
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SEATO TO BLUEPRINT S.E.A. DEFENCE AT BANGKOK



By LARRY ALLEN

Singapore, Feb. 21.
Eight nations which have banded together to defend the free countries of South-east Asia are going to put "fighting teeth" into the Manila Pact to protect this crucial lower corner of Asia from further Communist aggression.

Machinery for the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation—ratified the first day of this month by the United States Senate—is expected to get a thorough oiling as the signatories sit down in the capital of Red-threatened Thailand to take tough and effective steps to stem the Communist tide. Both the Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles and Sir Anthony Eden will attend.

The United States and Britain, in advance of the conference opening in Bangkok on Wednesday, are understood to have agreed in principle to steer away from any big NATO-type standing army as the best means of defending the region.

But the conference is expected to set up a military blueprint which would cover the use of armed forces in coping with any Red-created emergencies.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name.

We, Williamson and Company, Limited of P. & O. Building, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of Change of Ownership, we have applied to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the steamship "TYNEBANK" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 164089, Gross tonnage 4650.79 tons, Register tonnage 2731.62 tons, heretofore owned by Messrs BANK LINE, LIMITED for permission to change her name to "INCHURA" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by Williamson and Company, Limited.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 18th day of February, 1955.
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J. R. LAWRENCE,
Secretary.

endangering key Southeast Asia countries. The territory covered by SEATO does not include Formosa or Korea, where separate agreements by the United States hold at bay the Red Chinese armies.

Along with plans for co-ordinating America's mobile striking power with British, Australian and New Zealand forces, the SEATO conference also is expected to accept political and economic measures to block Communist subversive moves.

The countries which last September in Manila signed the pact setting up SEATO are shown on the accompanying map—the United States, Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines.

By getting together on Wednesday to put teeth in their cardinal aim of promoting peace and deterring Red aggression, these nations have a chance to anticipate any Red-inspired moves that may be born at the conference of 30 Afro-Asia countries opening in Bandung, Indonesia, the last week in April.

This meeting was called by the Colombo Powers, also indicated on the map, and its sponsors say its aim is to promote world peace and stability. In the background, however, is the deep-seated desire among most of the Asian nations to re-emphasize their Asianism and independence from the West.

Red China's Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, already has indicated he will lead his country's delegation to Indonesia and is undoubtedly will seek to put across moves aimed at speeding up the sweep of the Red tide in Southeast Asia. Observers are wondering if there's much chance of the Bandung conference developing into anything more than a Communist sounding board or possible creation of a "neutralist bloc" between the East and the West.

BIGGEST PROBLEM

The biggest problem facing the SEATO conference is formulation of a method of combat subversion, the typical first step by Communists determined to take over a country. There's plenty in this field for the Bangkok delegates to worry about.

Indonesia, which refused to join SEATO, has a wobbly economy and a shaky government—kept in power by support of Indonesian Communists—and is considered a fertile field for the Reds.

Communist agents from Vietnam territory are reported infiltrating free South Vietnam by the thousands. How well South Vietnam can hold up under this pressure apparently will be determined by how effectively the government uses the aid it gets from the United States and France.

Agents of Communism also are active in the Hindu kingdoms of Cambodia and Laos. Off to the west, the young republic of Burma still is having trouble with Communist-led, or supported, rebels while its government tries to stay out of the cold war with an "independent" policy.

expanded United States military aid, is steadily strengthening her defenses.

In the Bangkok meeting, the British are expected to quickly see eye to eye with the United States on most cardinal points, for they have a big and important direct interest that must be protected—Malaya.

Over-all, it looks like the Bangkok conference, in preparing its military defence blueprint, has plenty of hot, or potential, hot spots, to cover—and at the top are South Vietnam and Thailand.

and Mr. Chou En-lai for Asian leadership—and these same observers believe that the Chinese will win hands down.

Most immediately concerned about a big Communist move aimed at overthrowing the government is Thailand, and she is certain to be looking for "iron-clad guarantees"—as far as they are possible—in the SEATO conference.

To counter the possibility of subversion developing into armed action, Thailand, with

Kiwi Nudist Colonies

UNDISCLOSED SITES IN COUNTRY

Auckland, Feb. 21.

New Zealanders have been surprised to learn that they have about 20 nudist clubs scattered about the country at undisclosed sites.

A statement issued at the nudists' third national rally, held in the bush-clad Waitakere Ranges, near Auckland, says that New Zealand has a total of 300 "registered" nudists.

Membership of the clubs ranges from a few people to 30 or more.

PRESS INVITED

The national rally was open to the Press for the first time, but reporters were not asked to remove their clothes.

The nudists' statement, answering the why's and where's of the clubs, says that clubs do all they can to exclude from membership "Peeping Toms" and others whose motives might be questionable.

Auckland has three nudist clubs—Kaurimu, which is proprietary, and the Auckland Outdoor Health Club and the Auckland Sun Club, both of which are run by members' committees.

Prospective members of these clubs fill in an application form. They then meet members of the club committee usually over a cup of coffee at a member's home. Women members entertain women applicants.

No Territorial Claims In East Europe

Berlin, Feb. 21.

The East German Cabinet in a declaration today stated there were no territorial claims between Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

The declaration, published by the East German Agency, ADN, was made to thank the Polish and Czech Governments for ending the state of war with Germany.

It said the respective announcements constituted a valuable support to the German people's fight for a happy and peaceful future.

Between the German Democratic Republic, the People's Republic of Poland and the Republic of Czechoslovakia there exist a friendly and brotherly feeling, and of mutual help and assistance.

There are no territorial claims, the declaration said.—Reuter.

Only those who are acceptable to the committee are taken out to the club site and invited to become members.

Explaining what nudists do and why they exist, the statement says: "Nudists do very much what everyone else does on holiday, except that they do it in the nude."

A MYTH

The nudists say that it is a "myth" that only people with good figures become nudists.

"Like everyone else, they come in all sizes," they say. "There are small ones, tall ones, thin ones and fat ones, men with good figures and men with hard, any figure at all."—China Mail Special.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted O.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the O.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
By Air
Korea, 8 p.m.
India-China, 8 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
By Air
India-China, 8 a.m.
Thailand, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Canada, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon & Mauritius, 6 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Thailand, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 11 a.m.
Malaya, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.55 a.m. Bandwidth Band of the Irish Guards, Capt. J. J. Jager (BBC); 7.30 a.m. "First Hearing" presented by the BBC; 8.15 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 9.00 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 9.15 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 9.30 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 9.45 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 10.00 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 10.15 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 10.30 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 10.45 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 11.00 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 11.15 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 11.30 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 11.45 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 12.00 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 12.15 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 12.30 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 12.45 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 1.00 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 1.15 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 1.30 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 1.45 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 2.00 a.m. "The World News (London Relay)"; 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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

AMERICAN ECONOMY

Expectation Of Another Prosperous Year In Most Industries

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Feb. 21.

The months-old guessing game as to what American industries will earn the biggest profits and pay the highest dividends this year showed no signs of abating last week.

Most Americans appear to have resigned themselves to another prosperous 1955—a not altogether unpleasant prospect. They are worrying—a not altogether accurate word—about profits, dividends, taxes and stock splits.

U.S. Markets Closed Today

New York, Feb. 21. U.S. security and commodity markets will be closed tomorrow—Washington's birthday.

South American markets will be closed for the Mardi-Gras Carnival.

Canadian and British markets will operate as usual.—United Press.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Feb. 21. Cotton futures today fluctuated narrowly on either side of the previous close in more active dealings.

Most of the activity was given over to liquidation of nearby March contracts and switching to later positions incident to first notice day.

Pre-holiday evening-up, along with routine hedge selling and trade buying made up the balance of the business.

The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges will remain closed until Wednesday morning for observance of Washington's birthday celebration.

Finishing on a rally, the list ruled 3 points lower to 11 points higher. Opening prices were off 2 to 10 points, New Orleans closed unchanged to up 4 points.

Initial March tenders today covered 22,000 bales in the local market and 10,800 bales at New Orleans. The tenders were about as expected.

As the notice circulated, reports of liquidation were absorbed by the leading export firms which were credited with issuing most of the tenders.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange to-day were:

	Volume	Open Interest
March	100,200	21,400
May	72,400	11,200
July	58,600	9,200
October	23,900	2,200
December	12,400	920
March	9,200	5,900
July	700	102,000
Total (bales)	280,700	2,771,200

NEW ORLEANS

	Volume	Open Interest
Spot	34,100	34,100
Mar.	34,300	34,300
May	34,300	34,300
July	34,300	34,300
Oct.	34,300	34,300
Dec.	34,300	34,300
Mar.	34,300	34,300
May	34,300	34,300
July	34,300	34,300

LIVERPOOL

	Volume	Open Interest
Spot	34,100	34,100
Mar.	34,300	34,300
May	34,300	34,300
July	34,300	34,300
Oct.	34,300	34,300
Dec.	34,300	34,300
Mar.	34,300	34,300
May	34,300	34,300
July	34,300	34,300

SAO PAULO

	Volume	Open Interest
Spot	34,100	34,100
Mar.	34,300	34,300
May	34,300	34,300
July	34,300	34,300
Oct.	34,300	34,300
Dec.	34,300	34,300
Mar.	34,300	34,300
May	34,300	34,300
July	34,300	34,300

And the future looks rosy, according to the market experts. Profits and dividends combined have been the bait for some of the widest investment interest in the stock market in years. Prices have soared time and again to record highs in recent months on impetus of the buying from millions of investors—individual and institutional.

Only one out of ten common stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange failed to pay a cash dividend in 1954. Even some of the laggards paid off in stock, rather than cash. Big favorites have been those issues that offered the best chances for a profit. Thus the market, by and large, has been highly selective.

AUTHORITATIVE REPORT
The authoritative U.S. News and World report peered into the future this week. It forecast: bigger profits and larger dividends from this year's improved business.

But not all will share in the rise, it cautioned. Some are definitely in a good position to lead ahead, others will lag. Stockholders in industries with bright prospects "will reap above-average benefits," the Magazine said.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Feb. 21.

The rubber market opened steady after Saturday's weakness on some trade and speculative buying covering short.

Later the market eased on further liquidation with buyers inclined to hold off. Future holdings:

	rubber per lb.	89 1/2-90
March	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
April	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
May	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
June	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
July	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
August	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
September	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
October	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
November	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
December	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
January	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90
February	89 1/2-90	89 1/2-90

NEW YORK

Futures closed 60 to 76 points lower with sales of 159 contracts.

Terminal market prices regained a measure of stability after a staggering start, when prices plummeted around 1 1/2 cents a pound. Weekend weakness at Singapore and heavier shipment market offerings upset the price structure.

Later, the market steadied on the small recovery at London and on covering before the local holiday tomorrow.

In the spot market, dealer buying developed on a small scale. Spot No. 1 RSS were quoted at 22 1/2 cents a pound, nom. Futures:

	rubber per lb.	22 1/2-23
March	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
April	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
May	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
June	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
July	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
August	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
September	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
October	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
November	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
December	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
January	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23
February	22 1/2-23	22 1/2-23

LONDON

The market was erratic. No. 1 RSS spot was quoted at 20 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

	rubber per lb.	20 1/2-21
March	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
April	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
May	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
June	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
July	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
August	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
September	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
October	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
November	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
December	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
January	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
February	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21

AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram. CIF March as follows:

	rubber per kg.	24 1/2-25
March	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
April	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
May	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
June	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
July	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
August	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
September	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
October	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
November	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
December	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
January	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25
February	24 1/2-25	24 1/2-25

London Market Steadier

London, Feb. 21. The London Stock Exchange became steadier this afternoon following the sharp fall in share prices this morning.

The gilt-edged market, which in many cases turned earlier losses into gains, gave mild encouragement to industrialists, steadying them at the lower levels and slightly rallying some of the leaders.

War Loan stock finished a point higher on the day at 84.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)
Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$337,711. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	2120	2140	1 @ 2130
Union	900	900	3 @ 21400
East Asia KD	200		
Insurance			
Union	900	900	20 @ 900
Lombard	40	50	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	60		
Providence	1500	1510	
Whitcomb	700	710	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	1030	1040	1500 @ 1040
HK Land	100	101	100 @ 101
Realty	107 1/2	108 1/2	
UTILITIES			
Thien	2100	2100	200 @ 21 1/2
Star Ferry	144		
Y. M. T. S.	100	100	100 @ 100
C. Light (O)	17 1/2	17 1/2	7000 @ 17 1/2
C. Light (D)	30	30 1/2	200 @ 30 1/2
Meo Co. Elec.	13 1/2		
Telephone	31 1/2		
INDUSTRIALS			
Canal	43 1/2	44 1/2	40 @ 44 1/2
DAIRY, ETC.			
CUK	23 1/2	24 1/2	20 @ 23 1/2
CUK	23 1/2	24 1/2	
MISCELLANEOUS			
CUK	17 1/2		
CUK	17 1/2		

Another bit of guessing has revolved about which stocks are ripe for a split. Actually, a split does nothing to alter the intrinsic value of a stock. It is a device used by corporations to gain a wider ownership base by its shareholders and also to attract more capital. A two-for-one split means each share is now two shares, each at half the original price.

According to Business Week magazine, market traders find a bull-signal in every rumor or rumour of stock split. As a rule, a stock split serves to move the price higher. Furthermore, the trend toward splits serves to attract more investors at the lower price level. Splits were completely in common in 1954, according to Business Week.

Elsewhere a less optimistic note was echoed by a leading business spokesman this week. President Henry R. Riler of the National Association of Manufacturers said he was concerned about profits not keeping pace with economic expansion.

Failure of profits not to keep pace with economic expansion is the major unfavorable item in the U.S. business picture, he said.

He outlined a plan for a \$9,000,000,000 corporate tax reduction over the next five years under which the top income tax rate on both corporations and individuals should be brought down to 35 per cent, considerably below present levels.

Profits play a major role in attracting new plants and investments, he argued, and the failure of profits to fluctuate about \$1,000,000,000 over a seven-year period is "a genuine cause for concern."—United Press.

Commodities For Tariff Concessions

Washington, Feb. 21. The United States announced today a list of 40 commodities on which it proposes to negotiate tariff concessions to third countries as an inducement to them to cut their import duties on Japanese goods.

The list covers commodities which the United States normally imports from countries other than Japan in the amount of 20 million per year. Principal items are wrapped tobacco, processed fish, fish products and eggs.

New Incentives For Capital In Philippines

Manila, Feb. 21. A bill providing new incentives for foreign investment in the Philippines has been filed in the Senate by the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

It would relax controls affecting foreign capital and would ease immigration policy for foreign-controlled companies willing to bring in their own nationals as supervisory personnel.

It also provides for income tax exemption for foreign capital investments, until 1960, and graduated income tax exemption for foreign investments until 1960.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Feb. 21. The foreign exchange market was steady today. The dollar was quoted at 20 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

	rubber per lb.	20 1/2-21
March	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
April	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
May	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
June	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
July	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
August	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
September	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
October	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
November	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
December	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
January	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21
February	20 1/2-21	20 1/2-21

Japanese Steel Price Increased By Leading Mill

Tokyo, Feb. 21.

Yawata Steel Works, Japan's largest steel maker, today announced a five to eight dollar per ton increase in the price of domestic steel.

A Yawata spokesman said the price rise would not greatly affect its export prices, which are generally above the prices of Japan's chief competitors in Western Europe, excluding Britain.

Yawata said domestic price quotation had been forced too low by a deflation-included decline in demand and the result was that Yawata has been losing money.

It said the price increase would "stabilize" conditions and help put Japanese steel mills in the black again.

Appealing to other Japanese steel makers to follow suit, Yawata said its action affected "in principle" those steel products in which it competed with other domestic mills.

The spokesman said the price line was generally maintained in products like rails and thin sheets in which Yawata has a domestic monopoly or near-monopoly.

The measure will go into effect with April-May shipments.

The price increases were not uniform but varied from 2,000 to 3,000 yen per ton. (\$5.55 to \$8.33).

PRICE CHANGES
Some of the price changes were:

1. Small 19 to 23 mm. steel bars hiked from 38,000 yen per ton to 39,000 yen.

2. Heavy steel plates, from 30,000 yen to 41,000 yen.

3. Wire rope, from 39,000 yen to 40,000 yen.

4. Cold rolled sheet, from 70,000 yen to 72,000 yen.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 21. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today one point higher with sales of 30 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 89 contracts.

The world contract locked a fresh feature in mixed dealings between trade interests.

Scattered selling in the domestic contract reflected a softer tone in the raw market. Futures:

Sept.	8.86
Nov.	8.87
Jan.	8.88
May	8.89
Sept.	8.90
Nov.	8.91
Jan.	8.92
May	8.93
Sept.	8.94
Nov.	8.95
Jan.	8.96
May	8.97
Sept.	8.98
Nov.	8.99
Jan.	9.00
May	9.01
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Malenkov Relegated At Theatre

A large group of foreign diplomats saw the concert from a box opposite that of the Government heads. It included the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, and the American Ambassador, Mr Charles Bohlen.—Reuter.

May-Hutton Partnership

Ship Aground: Sinking Fast

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The 2,059-ton Eddle was owned by the Lien Yih Steamship Company of Taipei. She was formerly the Winona, built 1906.—France-Press.

he Ark Royal, built at a cost of between 20 and 25 million pounds sterling, is to be commissioned here tomorrow.

Another innovation in the Ark Royal disclosed today is an "air crew refreshment room"—nicknamed "sam's snacks bar"—which is situated just below

Big Funeral For Slain Chauffeur

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Fire Destroys Two Huts

Two recently erected huts at the 7 1/2 milestone, Tsun Wan, were burnt down this morning in a small fire. The blaze was quickly put out by firemen from the Tsun Wan Village Station.

**CHARTERED BANK CASE:
WITNESS NOT APPEARING**

Hearing of the case was adjourned from November 9 until yesterday because the same witness, Mr Bowman, was unable to leave England at the time.

STICKING TO RIGHTS
Mr Clifford told the Court that Mr Bowman was in business London. Although he had previously said he would be com-

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The Judge declared that it would mean almost a year. fairness to the parties Court should adjourn and consult v

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testers ground, a spokesman for the National Commission on Atomic Energy Fraud, Fraud, said today.

Allegation Of Assault By Police

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